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Serial No.:	10/033,993	Group Art Unit:	3763
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Title:	VARIABLE LENGTH FLEXIBLE CONDUIT FEEDER		

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (37 C.F.R. §1.97(b))

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted before the mailing date of a first Office Action on-the-merits. Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2), a copy of each foreign patent document and each non-patent document listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided. In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3)(i) and M.P.E.P. § 609.01, the relevance of this document is that it was cited by the European Patent Office in a corresponding European Application and apparently describes a device for holding cables, ropes and hoses as well as their storage which can be characterized by the fact that a substantial convenience is achieved within the medical field, with insulin-dependent diabetics, having an

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insulin pump. In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3)(ii) and M.P.E.P. § 609.01, also provided is a copy portion of an informal written translation of this non-English language document that was prepared by Applicants' European attorneys who are assisting with the prosecution of the corresponding European application.

No representation is made that a reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 and Applicants reserve the right, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise, to establish that the reference(s) are not "prior art". Moreover, Applicants do not represent that a reference has been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of a reference is intended.

Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

Please direct any response or inquiry to the below-signed attorney at (310) 641-8797.

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